GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:241
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
GAS OIL IN GODAVARI BASIN
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Reliance and some private companies have struck oil and natural gas in Godavari and other basins;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will assist private agencies financially and technically to explore and put the same to commercial use;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 241 BY SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2004 REGARDING GAS AND OIL IN GODAVARI BASIN

(a) & (b) : The following 32 gas and oil discoveries (11 in onland, 9 in shallow water and 12 in deepwater) have been made by Private companies / Joint Ventures including Reliance Industries Limited in Krishna − Godavari and other basins of India :

Basin	Block	Operator	Onland/Shallow water/Deep water	No.of Discoveries
Cambay Basin	CB-OS/2	Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd	Shallow Water	5
	CB-ONN-2000/2	Niko Resources Ltd.	Onland	2
Krishna- Godavari Basin	KG-DWN-98/2	Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd	Deep water	3
	KG-DWN-98/3	Reliance Industries Ltd.	Deep water	9
Mahanadi NEC Basin	NEC-OSN-97/2	Reliance Industries Ltd.	Shallow water	4
Rajasthan Basin	RJ-ON-90/1	Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd	Onland	9

(c) to (e) : Under the Production Sharing Contracts signed between the Government and the Contractor, the latter is obliged to carry out all petroleum operations, including development and production, and provide the required technical and financial resources for this. One of the major considerations for selecting companies for the award of any area / block for exploration of oil and gas following open international competitive bidding is the technical and financial capability of the company (s) to fulfil its obligations under the contract, which includes exploration, development & production from the contract area.